



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2023 Biennium

Bill # SB0232

Title: Revise laws related to highway patrol compensation

Primary Sponsor: Gauthier, Terry

Status: As Introduced

- Significant Local Gov Impact
 Needs to be included in HB 2
 Technical Concerns
 Included in the Executive Budget
 Significant Long-Term Impacts
 Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2022</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2023</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	---- unknown ----	
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: SB 232 would have no fiscal impact in the 2023 biennium. The fiscal impact for the 2025 biennium cannot be immediately determined.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Department of Justice

1. Under current law, base salaries of Montana Highway Patrol (MHP) officers are based on a salary survey conducted by the Department of Administration of eight counties in Montana. Any salary adjustments required based upon the salary survey are requested as a part of the MHP biennial budget request.
2. SB 232 adds city police departments in the same eight counties to the salary survey requirements. The following police departments would be added to the salary survey:
 - a. Butte Silver Bow County
 - i. No change since this is a consolidated city/county government

- b. Cascade County
 - i. Great Falls Police Department
- c. Yellowstone County
 - i. Billings Police Department
 - ii. Laurel Police Department
- d. Missoula County
 - i. Missoula Police Department
- e. Lewis and Clark County
 - i. Helena Police Department
 - ii. East Helena Police Department
- f. Gallatin County
 - i. Bozeman Police Department
 - ii. West Yellowstone Police Department
 - iii. Belgrade Police Department
- g. Flathead County
 - i. Kalispell Police Department
 - ii. Columbia Falls Police Department
 - iii. Whitefish Police Department
- h. Dawson County
 - i. Glendive Police Department

3. An online search for salary data for these police departments yielded salary schedules for only two of the 13 police departments. A new salary survey would need to be conducted to determine the salary information for all police departments listed and could bring the current salary survey calculations up or down depending on how these salary schedules compare to the sheriff department salary schedules.
4. Based upon assumption #3, the fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time.
5. Salaries of Montana Highway Patrol officers are paid from state special revenue.
6. Since the salary survey in effect for the 2023 biennium has already been completed, the revised salary survey created by SB 232 would first be applied for the 2025 biennium.


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Sponsor's Initials *Date*

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Budget Director's Initials

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Date